

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS****In the Claims:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) Surgical thread ~~(1)~~ for cosmetic operations made of a metallic, polymeric, or biological material, containing successively arranged along its length inclined notched protrusions, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the notched protrusions ~~(2)~~ are made in the form of conical barbs ~~(3)~~ with pointed flexible and elastic ends ~~(4)~~, the barbs ~~(3; 5)~~ positioned on one or several sides along the section of the thread with a successively alternating inclination thereof.

2. (Currently amended) A surgical thread ~~(1)~~ for cosmetic operations, according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the elevation ~~(6)~~ of the ends ~~(4)~~ of the notched protrusions ~~(2)~~ above the thread amounts to not less than the diameter thereof, the interval ~~(7)~~ between the protrusions being less than two diameters of the thread.

3. (Currently amended) A surgical thread ~~(1)~~ for cosmetic operations according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the notched protrusions ~~(2)~~ of the thread are provided on two opposite sides, the direction of their inclination being opposite as well.

4. (Currently amended) A surgical thread ~~(1)~~ for cosmetic operations according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the notched protrusions are provided on two sides with an alternating direction of their inclination.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently amended) A surgical thread ~~(1)~~ for cosmetic operations ~~according to claim 1~~ made of a metallic, polymeric, or biological material, comprising inclined notched protrusions successively arranged along the length of the thread, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the notched protrusions are provided in a form of needles ~~(9)~~ with sockets ~~(10)~~ for fixation thereof on the thread with alternating directions of the inclination of the needles.

7. (Previously presented) The surgical thread of claim 1, wherein the barbs are positioned in a staggered order along the thread.